

# JHA MEMBER NEWS

September 2015

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JENISON HISTORICAL  
ASSOCIATION  
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Our mission is to learn about Jenison history, obtain artifacts relating to its history, and maintain the Jenison Historical Museum as a place to share and display our heritage.

## MINUTES OF THE JENISON HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION MEETING AUGUST 20, 2015

Present: Gene Kort, Mike Timmer, Ken Williams, Linda Droog, Ronnie Aungst, Liz Timmer, Nellie DeLaat, Yvonne Williams, Ruth Lowing

### Association/Museum Business

Approve August Agenda: Approved as presented

Review July Minutes: Motions made by Mike and Gene to accept as written. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Linda and Ronnie motioned to approve as written. Carried.

Curator/Historian's Report: Ken reported:

- Front entry way wood panels have been refurbished and replaced by Mike. Nellie will send Dave Strong a thank you card for his help with this project.
- Basement Logging Display is now completed with display board, pictures and several tools displayed. The safe from the Olher Bros. Store was moved under the window to make more room.
- The Smallpox grave marker is now displayed on a desk taken out of the first floor office.
- New acquisitions have been received from the Elenbaas family involving WWII items from their father, Mr. Poortinga. Also the DeWinter family donated a scrapbook with many newspaper articles about the Jenison area and families. Mike Timmer brought in a small jewelry box from the Jenison Mill Antique Shop owned by Mrs. Tiffany.

Township Representative's Report: Ron not present

Acquisition's Report: Barb not present but work continues on many new items

Maintenance Report: Completed installing the wood panels and replaced broken window on the front porch.

Review Master Plan/Projects:

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- Inventory Inputting-Ruth-"on going"
- Timeline-Ken-"in the works"
- Clear coat basement-Liz-waiting for response from her sources
- Jenison Family Research-Ronnie-while researching the maids, Ronnie found Helen Morrison, sister of Margaret and Elsie, who was living at the house in 1920. Helen died in 1921 in Detroit. Margaret is one of 10 children and though all the Morrison children were all born in Canada, their parents came from Scotland.

501 (c) (3) Update: Liz was happy to report we are now approved and copies have been sent to the attorney and Dan Carlton.

Honorarium Policy: Liz presented an updated version of the proposed policy. It was reviewed and approved as written. (See copy)

2016 Budget Development: Ruth and Liz presented our 2015 Budget for review, what was budgeted and what has actually spent. Discussion followed. At the November meeting we will plan to approve the 2016 Budget.

Emergency Response Plan: We viewed the #1 DVD on building a plan. Linda volunteered to purchase a First Aid Kit for the house. A motion was made to approve spending up to \$50 for supplies. Carried. It was also suggested that for safety concerns, the second floor docents should have the key for the porch doors readily available in case of emergencies (such as a fire on the first level). Work will continue at the next meetings to develop the Emergency Response Plan.

2016 Open House/ Special Events Calendar w/themes: It was proposed to do three special events and members were assigned for the projects.

- History Mystery - Linda should bring ideas for this to the October meeting
- When and Wear – Yvonne will come with a plan in November of what clothing might be displayed.
- Tool Time – Gene has been assigned to organize this and come with ideas to the January meeting.
- Christmas time /decorating will be organized by Barb

### **Other Business**

Linda shared her attendance at the Allendale Historical Society's program featuring Amber Rose Hammond, local author of 'Wicked Ottawa County'. She also has authored 'Wicked Grand Rapids' and 'Ghost and Legends of Michigan's West Coast.' Websites are [www.Michigansotherside.com](http://www.Michigansotherside.com) and [www.amberrosehammond.com](http://www.amberrosehammond.com)

**Jenison Historical Association  
Treasurers Report  
8/18/15 thru 9/13/15**

Date	Num	Transaction	Memo	Category	Amount
<b>Beginning Balance</b>					<b>\$6,089.89</b>
8/20/15	2068	Cordy Crawford		Intern Gift	(\$130.40)
9/13/15	2069	Ruth Lowing	Reimb for State non-profit filing fee	Misc	(\$20.00)
Activity for report period					(\$150.40)
<b>Checking Account Balance</b>					<b>\$5,939.49</b>
<b>Petty Cash</b>					<b>\$50.00</b>
12/1/12					
<b>Petty Cash Balance</b>					<b>\$50.00</b>
<b>ENDING Accounts BALANCE</b>					<b>\$5,989.49</b>

<b>2013 Retained Earnings</b>		<b>\$4,979.77</b>
Total Income 2014		\$5,072.60
Total Expenses 2014		(\$4,538.94)
<b>2014 Retained Earnings</b>		<b>\$5,513.43</b>
Total Income 2015		\$2,603.51
Total Expenses 2015		(\$2,177.45)
Petty Cash Box		\$50.00
<b>Cash on Hand</b>		<b>\$5,989.49</b>
Receivables		\$0.00
<b>Total Equity</b>		<b>\$5,989.49</b>

<b>SPECIAL RESERVE FUND-RESTORATION PROJECT-BEGINNING BALANCE January 2015</b>	<b>\$101.68</b>
<b>SPECIAL FUND-RESTORATION PROJECT-ENDING BALANCE (note, this balance is part of the total Cash on Hand above)</b>	<b>\$101.68</b>

submitted by Ruth Lowing, Treasurer

**Note: If any member is interested in working on any committee, much help is needed to keep the Association going. Please join an upcoming meeting, contact a board member, or email to [info@jenisonhistory.org](mailto:info@jenisonhistory.org). if you have some time to commit. Help is most needed in publishing the newsletter, working open houses and many other area's.**

## September/October Open House

### Downtown Jenison a Photo Display.

For the September 17 and October 15, 2015 Open Houses, you will find a Photo Display of Downtown Jenison.

Also, during the September 17 Open House, we will be celebrating 40th Anniversary of the Jenison Museum which was established shortly after Georgetown Township received the deed for the house from the State of Michigan Highway Department. We invite the community to join us for cake and punch to celebrate this milestone.

The museum will be open from 2-4 p.m. both days.

### Jenison Museum Souvenir's

Our newest souvenir in the Gift Shop is still available for sale. This year we are highlighting the Jenison Mill. We also have a few of our previous design from 2012 highlighting the Jenison Museum



**Prices:** New design \$15 each  
 Previous design \$12 each  
 Purchase one of each for \$25

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## JHA TRUSTEE'S

### Chair

Liz Timmer (16)  
 457-3708

### Vice Chair/Curator/Tours

Ken Williams (17)  
 772.6523

### Treasurer/Editor

Ruth Lowing (17)  
 540-4709

### Social Secretary

Nellie DeLaat (16)  
 457-1193

### Recording Secretary

Linda Droog (15)  
 457-3016

### Archivist

Barb Semeyn (17)  
 457-9343

### Maintenance/Historian

Mike Timmer (16)  
 531-1218

### Trustee

Yvonne Williams (17)  
 772-6523  
 Gene Kort (16)  
 534-6769

### Township Rep

Ron Villerius

(##) = year of re-election to the board

**Contact Information:** Members may contact the board at the above phone numbers or leave a message at 457-4398 or [info@jenisonhistory.org](mailto:info@jenisonhistory.org)

### Organization Membership in the Historical Association of Michigan

Find us on the registry of the Historical Society of Michigan  
[www.hsmichigan.org](http://www.hsmichigan.org)





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### 2015 Meeting Schedule

Meetings are all open to the public and held on the **3rd Thursday** of the month at 6:45 PM at the Georgetown Library, unless noted. No meeting in December.

July, 16, 2015  
August, 20, 2015  
September 17, 2015  
October 15, 2015  
November 19, 2015

**All meetings begin at 6:45 PM unless noted**

### 2015 Museum Open House Schedule

Saturday, Open House schedule Open Houses are 2PM to 4PM unless otherwise noted

July 18, 2015 (2:30 PM - 4 PM, after the Riverboat cruise)  
September 19, 2015  
October 17, 2015  
December 5, 2015  
January 9, 2016

ALSO: 1st Tuesday of the month April thru November -  
10 AM - Noon